

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE

**In re: Valsartan Products Liability
Litigation**

MDL No. 2875

Honorable Robert B. Kugler,
District Court Judge

This document relates to:

Honorable Joel Schneider,
Magistrate Judge

CHARLESTON PITTMAN

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

Plaintiff(s) file(s) this *Short Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial* against Defendants named below by and through the undersigned counsel. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand in In re: Valsartan Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2875 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage. Plaintiff(s) file this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Case Management Order Nos. 3, 9, and 13 of this Court.

In addition to those causes of action contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand*, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PLAINTIFF(S)

1. Name of individual who alleges injury due to use of a valsartan-containing drug: CHARLESTON PITTMAN

2. This claim is being brought on behalf of

- ☒ Myself
☐ Someone else

a. If I checked, "someone else", this claim is being brought on behalf of: _____

b. My relationship to the person in 2(a) is: _____

3. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium: _____

4. County and state of residence of Plaintiff or place of death of Decedent: _____
PARISH OF ORLEANS, STATE OF LOUISIANA

5. If a survival and/or wrongful death claim is asserted:

a. Name of the individual(s) bringing the claims on behalf of the decedent's estate, and status (i.e., personal representative, administrator, next of kin, successor in interest, etc.): _____

II. IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS

1. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants:

*(*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)*

i. API Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Hetero Drugs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Mylan Laboratories Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

ii. Finished Dose Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Arrow Pharm (Malta) Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Aurolife Pharma, LLC	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.	WV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

iii. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/ Distributor	Aceteris, LLC	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis LLC	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis Pharma, Inc.	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	A-S Medication Solutions, LLC	NE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Product Distributor	Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc.	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	AvKARE, Inc.	TN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	Bryant Ranch Prepack, Inc.	PA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor	Camber Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parent Company for The Harvard Drug Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	The Harvard Drug Group, LLC d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	MI
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	H J Harkins Co., Inc.	CA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	API Distributor	Huahai U.S. Inc.	NJ

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	Northwind Pharmaceuticals	IN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	NuCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	CA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	Preferred Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	CA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	RemedyRepack, Inc.	PA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Solco Healthcare U.S., LLC	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.	PA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Torrent Pharma, Inc.	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor/Repackager	John Doe	N/A

iv. Wholesaler Defendants

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

v. Pharmacies

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Corporation for Express Scripts, Inc. and Express Scripts Holding Co.	Cigna Corporation	CT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	CVS Health	RI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Corporation for Express Scripts, Inc.	Express Scripts Holding Company	MO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	MO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Corporation for Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	Humana Inc.	KY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	The Kroger Co.	OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Corporation for OptumRx	Optum, Inc.	MN

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Corporation for OptumRx and Optum, Inc.	UnitedHealth Group	MN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Walmart Inc.	AR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

vi. FDA Liaisons

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Hetero USA, Inc.	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NJ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Jurisdiction is based on:

- ☒ Diversity of Citizenship
☐ Other as set forth below: _____

8. Venue: District and Division in which remand and trial is proper and where you might have otherwise filed this Short Form Complaint, absent the Direct Filing Order entered by this Court: LOUISIANA EASTERN DISTRICT COURT

IV. PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES

9. Injuries: Plaintiff was diagnosed with the following type of cancer:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Liver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stomach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colorectal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pancreatic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Esophageal

CAUSES OF ACTION

10. Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* as if fully set forth herein.
11. The following claims and allegations asserted in the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* are herein adopted by Plaintiff(s):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count I: | Strict Liability – Manufacturing Defect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count II: | Strict Liability – Failure to Warn |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count III: | Strict Liability – Design Defect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count IV: | Negligence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count V: | Negligence Per Se |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count VI: | Breach of Express Warranty |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count VII: | Breach of Implied Warranty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Count VIII: | Fraud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Count IX: | Negligent Misrepresentation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Count X: | Breach of Consumer Protection Statutes of the state(s) of: <u>LOUISIANA</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Count XI: | Wrongful Death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Count XII: | Survival Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Count XIII: | Loss of Consortium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Count XIV: | Punitive Damages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other State Law Causes of Action as Follows: | |

- 12. Fraud Count:** Plaintiff adopts, incorporates and relies upon the allegations made in the Master Complaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific allegations as to the Fraud Count must be set forth here: _____

13. Express Warranty Count: Plaintiff adopts, incorporates, and relies upon the allegations made in the Master Complaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific allegations as to the Express Warranty Count must be set forth here: _____

14. Plaintiff(s) further bring claims against the following additional Defendants who are not listed above, and such claims are based upon the following grounds:

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and demand(s) a trial by jury as set forth in the Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in MDL 2875 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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